between Pakistan and India and did not seek to get involved in these discussions.

China's claim for more Indian Territory

172. SHRI NARENDRA MOHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that China, which has occupied sizeable Indian territory by force, is still claiming more territory from India;

(b) if so, what are the claims of China and how Government of India are reacting to these claims; and

(c) the details of the alleged claims of China and the detailed replies sent from Indian side in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERWANI): (a) to (c) The part of Indian territory under illegal occupation by China in the State of Jammu & Kashmir has an area of approximately 38,000 sq. kms. In addition, under the so-called Sino-Pakistan Boundary Agreement' of 1963, Pakistan illegal ceded aproximately 5,120 sq. kms, of Indian territory in Pakistan Occupied Kashmir to China.

China claims approximately 90,000 sq. kms. of Indian territory in the Eastern sector of the India-China boundary in Arunachal Pradesh.

India and China are committed to work towards a fair, reasonable and mutually acceptable settlement of the boundary question. Both countries are discussing the boundary question in the framework of the India-China Joint Working Group and India-China Expert Group. The Agreement on Maintenance of Border peace and Tranquility, signed in 1993, and the Agreement on Confidence Building Measures, signed in November 1996, will contribute to maintenance of peace and tranquillity in the border areas.

Cancellation of Meetings Between High Indian and American Officials

173. SHRI K.R. MALKANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several meetings between high Indian and American officials have been put off; and

(b) the reasons for a string of cancellations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERWANI): (a) and (b) A proposed visit to the USA by the Minister of State for Civil Aviation and the holding of the bilateral Indo-US Defence Policy Group meeting are being re-scheduled to mutually convenient dates which are being finalised through diplomatic channels.

Foreign Service Institute, New Delhi

174. SHRI K.R. MALKANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up Foreign Service Institute at Akbar Bhawan, New Delhi;

(b) if so, the number of trainees coming from different countries; and

(c) the subjects taught at the above Institute?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERWANI): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) In the current year so far (January-October, 1997) 109 diplomats from different countries have attended the Professional Course for Foreign Diplomats conducted by the Foreign Service Institute.

(c) The programme for the professional course for Foreign Diplomats includes the following training modules: International Relations Introduction to Diplomacy, Regional Focus Special Focus on India, International Law, New Areas of International Relations, International Organisations, Defence and Security, International Economic Relations and Commercial Diplomacy, Diplomatic Practice and Protocol, International Communications and Information Technology, Diplomatic Skills, Representational Entertainment and Decor, Culture and Diplomacy and Diplomatic Exercises. The Programme also includes study tours to places of interest outside Delhi, including visits to industrial & scientific establishments like HAL, BEL, ISRO, NIO, etc. in order to expose the foreign diplomats to India's potential and capabilities in these areas.